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FOR: SPLIT LOCK SCREW FASTENER ASSEMBLY AND METHOD

AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated May 18, 2004, please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.

Exhibits 1 and 2 are attached following page 22 of this paper.